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The Honorable Duncan L. Hunter
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
United States House of Representatives
Washington DC 20515-6035

Dear Mr. Chairman

Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2811, this letter is to notify you that I have approved a phased, Operation and Maintenance, facility repair project with a total cost of \$18.6M at MacDill AFB, FL to repair aircraft parking apron pavements and the storm drainage system which supports the aircraft parking aprons. The project will repair the north and south apron parking areas and will repair the storm drainage system which drains storm water from the apron parking areas. The drainage system has deteriorated such that the subsurface soil which supports the parking aprons is flowing into the drainage system, thereby creating voids underneath the parking aprons. A recent ground penetrating radar survey of the ramps revealed 45 voids which have resulted in or could produce failures in the apron pavement surface if not repaired. These parking aprons must be structurally sound and capable of supporting fully-loaded KC-135 refueling aircraft. This project will provide for repair of the apron pavements and storm drainage systems to stabilize the apron parking areas.

We have chosen to accomplish this project under the authority of 10 U.S.C. § 2811. The work is classified as repair and the use of operation and maintenance funds provides the flexibility to plan the work with minimum disruption to operations while balancing our operation and maintenance and military construction programs.

A similar letter has been sent to the Ranking Minority Member of your Committee.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "FRED W. KUHN", is positioned above the typed name.

FRED W. KUHN

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